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LTR TO MR. VEST, ASST SEC. OF STATE, JUNE 8, 1978.

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH IN ANY WAY TO MINIMIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF USDA'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE US AGRICULTURALRVEXPORTS. WE CONSIDER MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACH'S OFFICE ESSENTIAL OTO THOSE EFFORTS.

2. HOWEVER WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE ON THE BASIS OF OUR OBSERVATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE THAT THE PRESENT STAFFING IS EXCESSIVE TO USDA'S NEEDS. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE POSITION TO THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AGENCIES ONLY REENFORCES OUR VIEW, SINCE THAT OFFICER HAS ASSUMED SOME FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO ITALY.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REITERATES ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT ONE OF THE THREE EXISTING ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL

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ATTACHE POSITIONS BE ABOLISHED. USDA/FAS WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION WHETHER TO ABOLISH ONE OF THE ROME POSITIONS OR CLOSE ITS OFFICE IN MILAN. IN ANY CASE, THE ABOLITION OF THIS

POSITION COULD PRESUMABLY BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CANCELLATION OF NEIL LAWRENCE'S ASSIGNMENT. R:\$,34

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